

Market Mechanisms for Airspace Flow Program Slots, Phase II

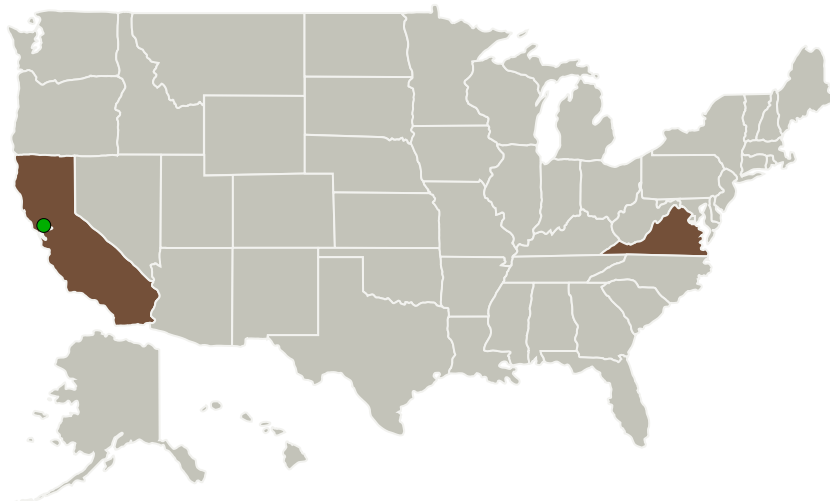
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Project Introduction

Metron Aviation, Inc. proposes to design a system to support a marketplace in which flight operators can exchange arrival slots in traffic flow management (TFM) initiatives such as airspace flow programs (AFPs) and ground delay programs (GDPs) while requiring no changes in FAA automation or procedures. The advent of AFPs in 2006 has generated many more potentially exchangeable resources that would be valued sufficiently differently by their owners to make a trade desirable. We believe that NAS users and the FAA would embrace such a marketplace and that it would enable users to collectively reduce their operating costs resulting from NAS congestion. Both FAA and NASA research has highlighted the need for efficient and equitable allocation of NAS resources and increased operational flexibility. Market-based mechanisms have been suggested for transferring system-imposed delay from more critical to less critical flights. No such capability is available to NAS users today. In this SBIR, we will show how the advent of AFPs changes the forces at work in a slot-trading marketplace, making its functions much more valuable to flight operators.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



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| Organizations Performing Work | Role | Type | Location |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Metron Aviation, Inc. | Lead Organization | Industry | Dulles, Virginia |
| ● Ames Research Center(ARC) | Supporting Organization | NASA Center | Moffett Field, California |

| Primary U.S. Work Locations | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| California | Virginia |

Project Transitions

**June 2011:** Project Start**May 2013:** Closed out**Closeout Documentation:**

- Final Summary Chart(<https://techport.nasa.gov/file/139078>)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Organization:

Metron Aviation, Inc.

Responsible Program:

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer

Project Management

Program Director:

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Program Manager:

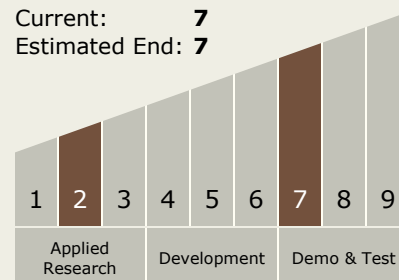
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Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: 2
 Current: 7
 Estimated End: 7



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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX16 Air Traffic Management and Range Tracking Systems
 - └ TX16.3 Traffic Management Concepts

Target Destinations

The Sun, Earth, The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System, Outside the Solar System